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On 10/8/46, [REDACTED]  
CGO, voluntarily furnished a mimeographed letter dated  
10/1/46, issued by the Independent Citizens Committee of  
the Arts, Sciences and Professions, Inc. The letterhead  
listed the name of Frank Marshall Davis as one of the  
Initiating Sponsors, Midwest Division.

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CGO rpt., 3/5/47  
Re: Independent Citizens  
Committee of the Arts, Sciences  
and Professions, Inc.; IS-C  
100-338892-100, p. 2, 3  
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The 10/12/46 issue of the "Pittsburgh Courier",  
Washington Edition, carried the "column" of Joseph D. Bibb  
which was captioned, "Red Critics". In his column Bibb  
stated that more denunciation should be directed at the  
"slinking, scraping element described as Uncle Toms and  
the other lecherous hypocrites who go around peddling strange  
and fanatical brands of religion" than was directed toward  
a hand full of Negroes who were branded as "reds" such as  
Paul Robeson, Ben Davis, Frank Marshall Davis and Max Yergan.

Washington Field rpt., 1/9/47  
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation  
Among American Negro in the  
Washington Field Division;  
IS-C  
100-135-53-256, p. 30  
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Issue #16 of "The Chicago Star", date not stated, carried on page 7 the column "Frank-ly Speaking" by Frank Marshall Davis. Davis dedicated his column to the theme of "red-baiting" and a new group known as American Action, Inc. He stated:

"Apparently our own potential fascists figure they can succeed where Hitler failed. They've got the help of federal officials such as Atty. Gen. Tom Clark and J. Edgar Hoover who will Red-bait at the drop of anybody's hat. Despite 42 lynchings since V-J day, all that the director of the FBI could find to talk about before the racist American Legion in annual convention was 'the menace of Communism'. Clark and Hoover are ideologically equipped to retain the jobs should Hitler suddenly appear and take over the White House. "This spectre of the Red Menace used by capitalists and their stooges to frighten the timid has to be exposed. That's our job as progressives."

Clipping of the above article  
attached to  
CGO memo, 10/18/46  
Re: "The Chicago Star";  
IS-C  
100-345728-13  
(52)✓

This reference is a memo dated 11/27/46 submitted by an unknown outside source, which furnished information concerning an Executive Board meeting of the CP of Illinois, held on 11/25/46 at 130 North Wells Street, CGO. Frank Marshall Davis, Negro Editor of the "Chicago Star", was named among those persons who attended.

~~Source reliability not stated~~  
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On 12/23/47, [ ] made available the IWO dues collection sheets for the month of December 1946. The collection sheets for the Dusable Lodge 751, 6200 Cottage Grove, CGO, reflected the names of [ ] and Frank M. Davis.

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Lists described above filed as enclosures behind the file.  
New York letter, 1/10/48  
Re: IWO; IS-C  
61-7341-9-433, Encl. p. 12  
(84)✓

As of December 1946, Frank Marshall Davis of Illinois was a sponsor of AYD.

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Detroit rpt., 1/15/47  
Re: AYD; IS-C  
61-777-15-317, p. 31  
(20)✓

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On 12/6/46, the University of Chicago AYD Club was to meet in Kent Hall for a symposium on free press. The featured speaker scheduled for the meeting was Frank Marshall Davis, editor of "The Chicago Star", a Communist dominated newspaper.

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Student Activities Officer of the University of Chicago.  
CGO rpt., 12/26/46  
Re: AYD; IS-C  
61-777-9-189  
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Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the sponsoring committee of the "Salute to America Rally" held at Manhattan Center, New York City, on 12/20/46.

[redacted] List of sponsors furnished  
by [redacted] reporter for  
New York Telegram.  
New York rpt., 1/7/47  
Re: AYD; IS-C  
61-777-34-220, p. 8  
(14)✓

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On 5/12/51, [redacted] furnished a signed statement in which he stated he had been a CP member in CGO from 1943 to 1947. In addition he stated he had been personally acquainted with CGO CP leaders including Frank Marshall Davis whom he had seen at CP headquarters in the past.

CGO rpt., 5/17/51  
Re: [redacted]  
was., Clerk [redacted]  
CSC, CGO; LGE  
121-23840-28  
(22, 33, 83)✓

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The Illinois Secretary of State's records show the National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation filed an application for and was issued articles of incorporation by the State of Illinois on 7/6/44. Frank Marshall Davis, 3507 South Parkway, CGO, was one of the signers of the above application. Davis' name also was set out on the list of the seventeen directors of the Foundation.

From its inception through 1946, Davis acted as Secretary of the Foundation. (No source stated)

CGO rpt., 10/29/47  
Re: National Negro Museum and  
Historical Foundation; IS-C  
100-348759-3, p. 2, 6  
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In January 1947 the masthead of "The Chicago Star" indicated Frank M. Davis was the executive editor.

The reference stated Davis was the CGO representative of the ANP. Davis was not definitely known to be a CP member, but his articles indicated his sympathy with the CP line and he was known to associate with CP leaders in the CGO field division. (No sources stated)

By a report dated 3/26/46, [ ] advised that [ ] was to be the real editor of the paper, but the Directors had decided a progressive non-Communist should be listed as the editor as a front. Informant stated Frank Marshall Davis was being seriously considered for that job.

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By report dated 4/4/46, [ ] advised Davis was to be editor in name only, that he was to merely write one column each week for the paper.

"The Chicago Star Bulletin", edition of 6/8/46, stated that Davis would be editor of the new paper. Davis was listed as a member of the Board of Directors. [ ]

On 1/13/47, [ ] furnished a leaflet entitled, "A Poll On the Chicago Star" which requested comments on the paper's columnists. Davis was one of the columnists listed.

CGO rpt., 1/24/47  
Re: "The Chicago Star";  
IS-C  
100-345728-23, p. 1, 2, 5, 6  
(4, 84)✓

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The 1/11/47 edition of the "Chicago Star" carried an article entitled "The South Side Tenants to Fight Evictions", which stated that a meeting had been held "last Friday" at the Simms Funeral Parlor, 3616 South Cottage Grove. Frank Marshall Davis, Executive Editor of the "Chicago Star", was one of the guests named who spoke briefly at the meeting.

CGO rpt.. 6/13/49

Re: [REDACTED]

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100-334707-16

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On 3/30/49, [REDACTED] of the Institute of Juvenile Research (IJR) made available the IJR records which reflected that [REDACTED] was employed by the IJR from 2/17/47 to 12/31/47. In her IJR application [REDACTED] named Frank Marshall Davis as a reference.

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On 3/3/46, [REDACTED] advised Davis was a member of the Doris Miller Club of the CP for 1946, Registration Card No. 47544.

[REDACTED] A highly confidential source)

Davis was a Communist and former executive editor of the "Chicago Star". (CGO-5609, no dates stated)

Additional information was SI as <sup>main file</sup> 100-328955-6 page 2.

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CGO rpt.. 5/2/49

Re: [REDACTED]

Rhoden, was.; SM-C

100-340278-10

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On 3/5/47, [redacted] employee of the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot, furnished a copy of a letter dated 2/19/47, issued by the CRC, New York, NY. The letter contained an appeal to the addressee to join a group in issuing a statement to "help arouse the American public to the dangers represented by the Thomas-Rankin Committee. Listed with the group making the appeal was Frank Marshall Davis.

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Copy of above described letter  
and statement attached to  
Philadelphia memo, 3/12/47  
Re: [redacted] IS-R  
100-32520-363  
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As of March 1947, Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the ALS Board of Directors. Davis was frequently called upon as a substitute instructor and guest lecturer. He was a neighborhood and special course instructor in music.

[redacted] endeavored to arrange for Davis to speak on music appreciation before the B'nai Brith organization on 2/9/47.

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The 10/19/46 issue of the "Chicago Star", advertised the ALS music classes and listed Davis as a teacher.

On 12/14/46, Noyes, Davis and other ALS officials decided to meet in connection with the ALS music classes which were being conducted at Kimball Hall, CGO.

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[ ] stated, in a conversation with Davis and other ALS members, that "they" had \$200 in the bank for the "coming affair." He also stated that [ ] would appear for the ALS on 2/8/47 and "they" were to have a "south side affair" for him. In connection with the [ ] affair, Davis was to make the introduction of [ ]

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CGO rpt., 3/20/47  
Re: ALS; IS-C  
100-11507-382, p. 4, 6, 18,  
21, 22 and 23  
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The first issue of the AYD magazine "Youth", the magazine of Young America, released on 3/1/47, named Frank Davis as a sponsor.

New York rpt., 6/19/47  
Re: AYD; IS-C  
61-777-804, p. 26  
(26)✓

During the period from 2/28/47 to 3/7/47, the House of Representatives cited [ ] for contempt. This reference states the HCUA had arranged for Eisler to be "nabbed" on the eve of his departure from the U.S.

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Frank Marshall Davis was among the Negroes who denounced the action of the HCUA and the House of Representatives. The Negro group condemned "the shameful persecution of the German anti-fascist refugee" and the "hysterical atmosphere contrived around this case on a nationwide scale."

Source not identified, but evaluated as usually reliable and information as probably true.

WID rpt., 3/7/47

100-7660-4319

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The 4/16/47 edition of the "Eastside Journal", of Los Angeles, California, carried an article captioned "Civil Rights Congress Reports Rally April 23 for Defense of Anti-Fascist Gerhart Eisler." The article named Frank Marshall Davis as one of the "prominent Americans" supporting the CRC national campaign calling for the abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

61-10149-A

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The 4/18/47 issue of the "Chicago Tribune" carried an article entitled "AYD Leader Tells Of Her Communist Tie", which reports a press conference called by the AYD. Frank Marshall Davis, editor of the Associated Negro Press, was reported to have been present at the conference and to have stated that he (Davis) was not a Communist.

Clipping of above article attached to Bureau letter to CGO, 5/19/47  
Re: Mollie Lieber; IS-C  
100-44142-36  
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The 4/21/47 issue of the "New York World Telegram" carried an article captioned "Pepper Revealed As Columnist On Left-Wing Paper." The article stated that Senator Claude Pepper had been revealed as a contributing columnist to the weekly newspaper, "The Chicago Star" and that his fellow columnists were Howard Fast and Frank Marshall Davis, both of whom had been named in HCUA reports on Communist front organizations in the US.

Clipping of the above article  
94-4-684-A  
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The 4/21/47 issue of the "Washington News" carried an article on page 20 captioned "Sen. Pepper's Column Shows Red Ink Blots". The article stated that Senator Claude Pepper had "showed up" as a columnist on the weekly newspaper "The Chicago Star", and that his fellow columnists were Howard Fast and Frank Marshall Davis, both of whom had been named in HCUA reports on Communist-front organizations in the US. The article stated that Fast and Davis had been listed on page 566 of the HCUA report (not further identified) as among the sponsors of the AYD.

The theme of Davis column was stated to be that the colored and colonial peoples of the world could expect nothing good from the US. The article quoted Davis as having said, "This leaves only the Soviet Union, which has abolished racism and color prejudice. To put it more pointedly, the exploited, non-white nations are drawing close to Russia."

Clipping of above article  
94-4-684-A  
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The 4/22/47 edition of the "NY World Telegram", carried an article entitled "Pepper Denies He Sells Column To Pinkish Paper." The article concerned a column under the name of Senator Claude Pepper which had appeared (date not stated) in the "Chicago Star." The article stated that the "United Press" had on 4/21/47 carried a dispatch calling attention to Pepper's column. The UP dispatch had noted that Howard Fast and Frank Marshall Davis, whose columns also appeared in the "Chicago Star", had been named in HCUA reports on Communist front organizations.

100-327116-A  
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The 3/3/47 edition of "PM", carried an article entitled "Read What Outstanding Americans Say About The Un-American Activities Committee." This article called upon Congress "to abolish this most un-American committee." Frank Marshall Davis was listed as one of the "outstanding Americans."

The 5/20/47 edition of "The Washington Post", carried an article entitled "Rob Communists of their Rights?—Then Yours Go Out The Window Too." The article was in the form of a letter addressed to "Mr. Congressman" and was in opposition to any measures directed against the CP. One of the signers of the above letter was Frank M. Davis, executive editor of the ANP.

Report on CRC as a Communist  
Front Organization, prepared  
by HCUA and dated 9/2/47  
attached to  
Washington Field Office memo,  
9/2/47  
Re: CRC; IS-C  
61-10149-536, Encl. p. 25, 29  
(12, 83)✓  
SI 61-10149-540, p. 25, 29  
(12, 84)✓

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The June 1947 issue of "Plain Talk", featured an article by George S. Schuyler entitled "Stalin's Blueprint For A Soviet Black Belt In The USA." In his article, Schuyler named Frank Marshall Davis, executive editor of the Associated Negro Press, as one of the "prominent" Negroes who signed a petition for the CRC, against the "persecution" of Gerhardt Eisler.

June 1947 issue of "Plain Talk"  
attached to  
New York letter, 10/1/47  
Re: "Plain Talk", Miscellaneous  
Information Concerning  
94-36511-68, encl. p. 9  
(12)✓

This reference is a letter dated 10/9/47 from [redacted] of the "National Republic" magazine with which he enclosed a copy of his testimony before HCUA on 7/21/47.

In his testimony, [redacted] identified Frank Marshall Davis as a current faculty member of the ALS in CGO.

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He named Frank M. Davis as managing editor and member of the Board of Directors of the "Chicago Star", newspaper published weekly in CGO.

[redacted] testified the tenth annual convention of the National Negro Congress was held in Detroit, Michigan from May 30 to June 2, 1946. He stated that according to Communist reports the police raided the meeting of the labor division of the convention and arrested 37 of the members. Listed among those taken was Frank M. Davis.

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He testified that in May 1946, the CRC joined the CP to fight anti-Communist legislation. He listed Davis among those who cooperated with the CRC in this endeavor.

Serial described above  
100-3-2192, encl. p. 35, 52,  
94, 143  
(22, 83)✓

The 9/20/47 edition of the "Chicago Star", carried an article on page 15 entitled, "Civil liberties group scored by Ritman for aid to Guzik." The article stated Frank Marshall Davis, executive editor of the "Chicago Star", was one of the two dissenting votes cast by the CCLC board of directors to approve the actions of the CCLC in defense of Jack Guzik, *reputed leader of a "Crime Syndicate."*

100-8605-A  
(Not listed)

The 1947 Board of Directors for ALS included: Mr. Frank Marshall Davis, Associated Negro Press Inc. 3507 South Parkway. CGO. [REDACTED]

As of 6/22/45, Davis was a member of the Dorie Miller Club of the CP. [REDACTED]

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As of 4/29/47, Davis was a general instructor for the ALS. (Flyer entitled, "The Abraham Lincoln School", furnished by [redacted])

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[redacted] furnished ALS fliers (dates not stated), which advertised classes at the south side annex for Spring and Fall 1947. Davis was named as one of the instructors.

[redacted] also furnished a flyer captioned, "Abraham Lincoln School, South Side Annex, Fall Semester, 1947", which listed a course entitled, "Spotlight News" to be instructed by Davis, the editor of the "Chicago Star".

As of 3/13/47, Davis was to instruct a new class at ALS in connection with Journalism.

On 5/20 and 27/47, Davis was scheduled to teach ALS extension classes at 3244 Brun Mawr Ave., CGO.

Davis planned to lecture during July 1947, at Grand Center Park, Geneva, Illinois, on the topic, "The Crisis In America Project."

As of 9/25/47, Davis had participated as a commentator in the ALS lecture concert series of public "classes" held in Kimball Hall, CGO.

CGO rpt., 1/12/48  
Re: ALS; IS-C  
100-11507-398, p. 7, 9,  
12, 13, 15, 16, 38, 43, 48,  
51, 54  
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The 9/27/47 edition of the "Chicago Star" carried on page 8, the column entitled "Frank-by Speaking" by Frank Marshall Davis. In this column, which he captioned "Guzik's Civil Liberties", Davis stated he was a member of the CCLC and discussed the action by the CCLC on behalf of Jake Guzik.

Clipping of above article  
100-6605-A  
(22)✓

[redacted] furnished a list of sponsors of the CRC national conference scheduled for 11/21 to 23/47 in CGO. [redacted] furnished the proceedings of the conference which contained a list of sponsors and a conference program which listed the sponsors. A combined list of sponsors, secured from the above three pamphlets, named Frank Marshall Davis.

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On 5/1/47, [redacted] advised Davis was a CP member. On 6/22/45, [redacted] advised Davis was a member of the Doris Miller (CP) Club.

CGO rpt., 3/13/48  
Re: CRC; IS-C  
61-10149-642, p. 11, 19  
(20)✓

This reference is a pamphlet captioned "Let Freedom Ring" published by the CRC. It advertised a national conference to be held on November 21, 22, 23, 1947 in CGO. The last page set out a "partial list" of sponsors of the conference. Listed was Frank Marshall Davis, executive editor, ANP.

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A penciled notation on this pamphlet indicated it was received from confidential informant [redacted]

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Reference described above  
100-235070-452  
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On 2/2/48, [redacted] advised that the National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation, Inc. followed a program which paralleled that of the CP and that it was in fact dominated by the CP.

[redacted] advised that Frank Marshall Davis was one of the original members of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

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CGO rpt. 5/5/49  
Re: [redacted]  
IS-C  
100-345607-7, p. 8  
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This reference is an unidentified undated mimeographed booklet forwarded to the FBI by [redacted] 250 West 57th Street, New York 19, NY.

On pages 17 and 153, the booklet set out that Frank Marshall Davis, executive editor of the "Chicago Star", was a delegate to the 1948 biennial convention of the CP and was currently active for the CP in Honolulu where he was a columnist for the Party's weekly newspaper, the "HR".

Serial described above  
100-26912-1422, p. 17, 153  
(18, 24)✓

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Exhibit 39, entitled "Call To A National Conference On American Policy In China and The Far East", "January 23-25, 1948, Hotel Roosevelt, New York", was introduced on 3/14/50 during Hearings before a Subcommittee on Foreign Relations of the US Senate. This "Call" listed Frank Marshall Davis, assistant editor, "Chicago Star", as a sponsor of the conference.

Above Hearings attached to  
Bureau memo, 10/2/50  
Re: Hearings Before a Sub-  
Committee of The Committee  
on Foreign Relations, US  
Senate (Tydings Committee)  
121-23278-267X12, p. 149  
(22)✓

Frank Marshall Davis was listed on the program as a sponsor of "The People's Assembly of Illinois" which was sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress of Illinois, at Hull House, CGO, on 2/1/48.

Photostatic copy of above  
program attached to  
New York memo, 2/16/48  
Re: CRC; IS-C  
61-10149-609  
(20)✓

This reference is an unidentified memorandum dated 2/4/48, which sets out a list of members of the CP Illinois State Committee. Included was the name of Frank Marshall Davis, Negro-Managing Editor, "Chicago Star".

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A penciled notation on the border of this reference states that "Information from this 'unknown outside source' previously has been found unreliable."

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On 4/6/48, [ ] furnished a mimeographed bulletin issued by the National Youth Assembly Against Universal Military Training, which announced an Assembly at Washington, D.C. on 2/15 and 16/48. This bulletin listed the names of "Adult Sponsors" and a notation that the organizations were listed for identification only. The list included Frank Marshall Davis of the ANP, CGO.

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New York rpt., 1/12/49  
Re: National Youth Assembly  
Against Universal Military  
Training; IS-C  
100-354204-31, p. 27  
(21)✓

The 5/10/48 edition of the "New York Post and The Home News" carried a full page advertisement by the CRC on page 25, captioned "Speak Up Today or Lose Everything Tomorrow." The article stated that an open letter had been addressed to Congress demanding defeat of the Mundt Bill and urged that Congressmen be requested to vote against the Bill. The name of Frank Marshall Davis was included in the list of signers of the advertisement.

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In June 1948, Frank Marshall Davis, Editor of the ANP, CGO, was interviewed concerning [redacted] who was an applicant for employment with the US Treasury Department. During the interview, Davis stated he had held the above position for thirteen years.

Davis became editor of the "Chicago Star" when the paper commenced publication on 7/4/46. The "Chicago Star" was a weekly newspaper, controlled and dominated by the CGO CP. [redacted]

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Additional information was SI as 100-328955-2 page 2 (main) and 121-5818-6 page 6.

CGO rpt. 6/12/48

Re: [redacted]  
Inter-racial Section, Treasury  
Department; LGE  
121-4978-9  
(9)✓

This reference is a letter to CGO dated 8/9/48 which forwarded a report received from an anonymous outside source which had not always been reliable in the past. This report was dated 7/23/48 and concerned the Convention held by the CP of Illinois in CGO on 7/17 and 18/48 at the North Side Viking Temple and the DuSable Community Center respectively. Listed among the delegates who attended the convention was, "Davis, Frank Marshall (Negro)-of South Side Section; member of District Board; Executive Editor, 'Chicago Star'."

100-3-14-3195, encl. p. 2  
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The 8/28/48 edition of the "Chicago Star" carried an article entitled "New Group Takes Over 'Chicago Star' September 11." The article stated the Progressive Publishing Company had purchased the "Chicago Star" and that the sale did not solve the current financial difficulties of the paper. The article concluded with the following: "The 'Chicago Star' Publishing Company, Ernest De Maio, President, Frank M. Davis, Secretary, William Sennett, Treasurer."

CGO rpt., 2/23/49  
Re: "The Chicago Star";  
IS-C  
100-345728-33, p. 3  
(84)✓  
SI 100-345728-30  
(84)✓

The 9/30/48 edition of the "New World", at Seattle, Washington, carried an article by [redacted] which praised the book "47th Street" by Frank Marshall Davis.

It was noted in the reference that "47th Street" depicted the life of Negro people in America.

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Seattle rpt., 4/25/49  
Re: [redacted]  
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100-351345-4  
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On 6/30/46 Mr. [ ] Frank Marshall Davis attended the All Clubs Tea, sponsored by the South Side Section of the CP, held at the Forum Hall on the South Side of CGO. This meeting was of representatives of all South Side CP clubs. [ ] since deceased)

On 10/16/48, [ ] furnished a leaflet entitled "Progressive Party Song Sheet", on back of which was listed the approaching events sponsored by the Progressive Party (PP). Included in the events was a PP meeting on 10/17/48, at the home of [ ] and Frank Marshall Davis, [ ] CGO. [ ] Industrial Detail of CGO PD)

Additional information was SI as 100-328955-6 pages 1 and 2 (Main file)

CGO rpt., 4/28/49

Re: [ ]

[ ] SM-C  
100-361254-1, p. 1, 2, 4  
(14)✓

On 4/21/49, Dean [ ] of the University of Chicago, testified before the Illinois Seditious Activities Investigation Commission (place not stated). He named Frank Marshall Davis, Executive Director, Associated Negro Press, as a member of the Chicago Ad Hoc Committee of Welcome for the Dean of Canterbury in November 1948.

Copy of a report of proceedings including above testimony attached to Springfield memo, 6/14/49  
Re: CP-USA, District #8; IS-C 100-3-15-166, encl. p. 93  
(32)✓  
SI 62-85293-8, encl. p. 93  
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On 12/10/48, [ ] and Frank Marshall Davis were  
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worked with Frank Davis some years before on the negro  
newspaper "Atlanta Daily World." The [ ] were  
frequent social visitors of the [ ] and Frank Davis.

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Hon. rpt. 7/5/49  
Re: [ ]  
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100-363040-1  
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One of the first individuals contacted by Frank  
Marshall Davis when he arrived in Hon. on 12/10/48, was  
[ ] who stated he had been looking forward to  
meeting Davis. [ ] intertained Davis and [ ] in  
his [ ] home on 12/11/48.

HO-511  
Hon. rpt. 9/29/49  
Re: [ ] was.;  
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61-8133-46  
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On 12/21/48, [ ] visited the CGO  
Field Office. He voluntarily advised that Frank Marshall  
Davis was executive editor of the Associated Negro Press  
and a CP member.

CGO memo. 12/23/48  
Re: [ ] was.;  
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100-16285-36  
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On 12/31/48, Frank Marshall Davis attended a New Year's Eve Party sponsored by HCLC, held at the AFL hall, 50 South Queens Street, Hon.

[redacted] advised Davis was CP member (date not stated). [redacted] was a highly confidential source known only to the SAC, Hon.)

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Additional information was SI as 100-367778-1 p. 13 and 61-9105-9.

Hon. Summary rpt. 5/21/52

Re: [redacted]

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100-11046-43, p. 11, 14, 22  
(6, 25)✓

In 1948, Frank Marshall Davis and his wife, [redacted] were among the leaders of the Negro community who appeared intimately acquainted with Hon. CP leaders. After Davis arrived in Hawaii, he took an active part in the HCLC and the Hon. Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Davis was closely associated for several years with top leaders of CP District 8 in CGO. He was Executive Editor of the "Chicago Star", a CP weekly newspaper, active in the AYD, and taught in the Abraham Lincoln School, a CP front in CGO. He reportedly was to have been employed in Hon. by the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

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Hon. rpt., 2/10/49

Re: CP-USA, District 13;

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64-200-18-199, p. 33  
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The Fifth Report on Un-American Activities in California, 1949, contained a section entitled, Press Networks, in which the personnel of several publications were described. One publication named was "The Chicago Star" of CGO. Frank M. Davis was named a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Editor.

Additional information on page 562 of this reference was SI as 61-777-53-24.

Report described above  
attached to  
Director's Office memo, 7/5/49  
Re: Fifth Report on Un-American  
Activities in Calif.-1949  
100-15252-41, p. 546  
(16)✓

In early 1949, [ ] advised that the "Committee to End the Jim Crow 'Silver Gold' System in the Panama Canal Zone" was a CP front located in the office of the United Public Workers, New York City. [ ] submitted a partial list of Committee members which included: "Frank Marshall Davis, Associated Negro Press, Chicago, Illinois." b2 b6 b7C

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New York rpt., 5/18/49  
Re: CP, USA, District 2;  
IS-C  
100-3-4-6665, p. 75  
(22)✓

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In 1949, Frank Marshall Davis was a contributing writer to the "Honolulu Record", but it was not known whether he was compensated for his effort.

(No source given)

(Main file) Additional information SI to 100-328955-6, p. 2

Hon. rpt., 10/21/49  
Re: CP-USA, District 13;  
IS-C  
64-200-18-263, p. 52  
(52)✓  
SI 64-200-18-279, p. 65  
(15)✓(H0-235)

The diary of [ ] revealed he had actively associated with Frank Marshall Davis during the year 1949.

[ ] Anonymous  
Hon. Supplemental Summary  
rpt. 12/9/53  
Re: [ ] SM-C  
61-9105-20  
(1)✓

On 2/26/49, Mr. [ ] Frank Marshall Davis attended a "HR" fund-raising party at the AFL Hall, in Hon.

[ ] Davis was identified by [ ] as a CP member.  
Identity set out in communication to Bureau 11/9/49).

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Hon. rpt., 11/9/49  
Re: [ ] o, aka.  
[ ] SM-C  
100-365799-2, p. 10, 11  
(13)✓

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In March 1949, Confidential Informant ☐ furnished a list published by the Committee To End The Jim Crow "Silver-Gold" System In The Panama Canal Zone, New York 7, NY. The list was captioned, List of Signers of Petition to President Truman Urging Abolition of Jim Crow "Silver-Gold" Discrimination in the Panama Canal Zone. The list included the name of Frank Marshall Davis, ANP, CGO.

A second list, almost identical but not identified, also set out Davis' name.

Photographic copies of  
above lists attached to  
WFO memo, 3/24/49  
Re: Committee To End The  
Jim Crow "Silver-Gold" System  
In The Panama Canal Zone;  
IS-C  
100-360511-1, Encl. p. 5, 15  
(4)✓

As of 2/26/49, Frank Marshall Davis had stated that Roy Wilkins of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Headquarters in New York City had sent Davis a letter giving the "true picture" of the recent NAACP elections in Honolulu and that the NAACP might delegate him (Davis) to conduct another election for the Honolulu Chapter. ☐

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Davis arrived in Honolulu on 12/8/48 and prior to that time had been closely associated with top leaders of District 8, CPA, in CGO for several years. Davis had been executive editor of the "Chicago Star", a since defunct Communist weekly newspaper. He had been active in the APD in CGO and had taught in the ALS, a CP front in CGO.  
(Source not stated)

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Hon. rpt., 4/20/49  
Re: CP-USA, District 8,  
aka., CP of Hawaii; IS-C  
64-200-18-213, p. 44, 45  
(15)✓

On 3/25/49. Frank Marshall Davis, a CP member,  
summoned [redacted] leader of the pro-Communist faction  
of the Hon. National Association for the Advancement of  
Colored People, to his (Davis') apartment in Hon. to read  
a letter from [redacted]  
NAACP, New York City. The letter concerned the Hawaii  
NAACP Branch and enclosed letters from Hawaiian citizens  
to the NAACP in New York City which demanded the charter  
of the Hawaii NAACP be revoked because of Communist  
infiltration attempts.

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[redacted]  
Hon. memo 9/22/49  
Re: [redacted] was.;  
Electrician-Appointee,  
Department of the Navy;  
LGE  
121-19633-5, p. 8  
(53)✓

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On 3/21/49, Frank Marshall Davis spoke on the Civil Rights case of the "Trenton Six", at a general membership meeting of the HCLC held at the YWCA in Hon. [redacted]

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As of 5/22/45, Davis was a CP member. [redacted] Not identified in this reference)

[redacted] advised on 3/30/49, that [redacted] and [redacted] of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union in California, had been guests in the home of [redacted] and Frank Davis.

On 4/8/49, [redacted] stated that [redacted] and Frank Davis were among those going down on Thursdays to volunteer their services in getting out the weekly edition of the "Honolulu Record". [redacted]

On 4/10/49, [redacted] and Frank Davis attended a social affair at the home of [redacted] Hon. Those invited had spent the day soliciting subscriptions for the "HR". The entertainment at the affair included recorded music, much of which was Russian ballads. [redacted]

Hon. rpt., 8/5/49

Re: [redacted]

wa.; IS-C

100-327896-20, p. 8, 10, 12, 13, 22, 23

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SI as par. 1 above;

100-43566-20, p. 9

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SI as par. 1 above;

100-358554-19

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SI as par. 1 above;

100-358554-5

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SI as final par. above;

100-358852-2

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On 1/22/49, Frank Marshall Davis was a speaker at the first anniversary reception and dance held by the HCLC in Honolulu (location not stated).

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Hon. rpt., 8/31/49

Re: [redacted] was.;

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100-76452-40, p. 8

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On 4/26/49, Hon. Radio Station KULA broadcasted a tape recorded forum entitled "The Legislature and Our Civil Rights", presented by the HCLC. Frank Marshall Davis, identified as a member of the National Board of the CRC, was a speaker on the forum. His remarks are set out in this reference.

Copy of transcription of  
broadcast attached to

Hon. memo, 6/13/49

Re: HCLC; IS-C

61-10149-1067X1

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On 12/31/48, [redacted] and Frank Marshall Davis attended a New Year's Eve Party at the AFL hall, 50 South Queen Street, Hon., which was sponsored by the HCLC.

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[redacted] NY)

As of 5/22/45, Frank M. Davis was a member of the Carver Second Ward West CPA Club in CGO.

(A highly confidential source) ~~reliability not stated~~

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On 5/2/49, Davis attended an HCLC meeting held at the Richard Street, YWCA, Hon. Those present at this meeting bitterly attacked the action of the AG in citing the HCLC as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.  
[redacted]

Additional information was SI as 100-367778-1 page 13 and 61-9105-9.

Hon. rpt., 12/13/49

Re: [redacted]

IS-C

100-11046-35, p. 6, 7, 9,  
10, 12, 13, 25, 30  
(14, 25)✓

On 5/2/49, Frank Marshall Davis attended an HCLC general membership meeting at the YWCA, Richards Street, Hon. During the discussion of the implications of the HCLC having been placed on the "subversive list", Davis stated, "We're going to keep on fighting no matter who calls us Communists or how often until we have gained our rights." Davis referred to AG Tom Clark as a "typical prejudiced Texan", and stated that the placing of HCLC on the subversive list was for the purpose of "splitting the ranks." He urged a "united stand" in the HCLC.  
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[ ] identified Davis as a CP member. [ ]  
"Identified in separate letter to the Bureau dated 9/13/49".)

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Hon. rpt.. 9/8/49  
Re: [ ] was.;  
SM-C  
100-126890-12, p. 7, 8, 9  
(13)✓

On 5/16/49, Frank Marshall Davis was the principal speaker at an HCLC meeting, place not stated. He spoke on the CRC and urged HCLC to affiliate with CRC. At the conclusion of his remarks, [ ] presented him with an enlarged photograph of Paul Robeson. Seitz attempted to recruit Davis for membership in HCLC.  
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As of 5/22/45, Davis was identified as a member of the Carver Second Ward West CPA in CGO.

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source of known reliability)

Hon. Investigative Summary  
Rpt. 7/25/49  
Re: [ ] wa.;  
SM-C  
65-10207-21, p. 20  
(18)✓  
SI as para. 1 above:  
121-22067-15, p. 40  
(18)✓(Meeting held at the YWCA  
in Honolulu)  
SI as para. 1 above:  
100-358176-10, p. 8  
(13)✓ [ ]

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On 1/22/49, Frank Marshall Davis spoke at the first anniversary reception and dance held by the HCLC at Kulamalu Pavilion in Honolulu. [redacted] The 1/27/49 edition of the "Honolulu Record" reported the above affair and quoted Davis as condemning discrimination against Negroes, Orientals and those belonging to minority political parties.

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The 5/12/49 edition of the "HR" identified Davis as a member of the CRC National Executive Board.

[redacted] and [redacted] Chairman and ex-Chairman respectively of the HCLC, decided to invite Davis to an HCLC Executive Committee meeting (no date stated) since John Reinecke, a public school teacher dismissed as Communist, said Davis seemed "O.K."

On 3/21/49, Davis spoke at an HCLC meeting (place not identified) in regard to the "Trenton Case" in which six Negroes at Trenton, New Jersey, were under a death sentence for the murder of a white man. (Minutes of the above meeting furnished by [redacted] who attended and verified the event).

On 4/27/49, Davis gave a press release to the "Honolulu Star Bulletin" in which he attacked President Truman and (Attorney General) Tom Clark. The text of the release was set out in this reference [redacted]

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Between 9/1/49 and 5/31/49, Davis attended four regular HCLC meetings. [redacted] and minutes of the meetings furnished by [redacted]

The HCLC Executive Committee meetings were generally held every Monday evening and Davis had attended (dates not stated).

Additional information SI 61-10149-1067X1, 100-328955 serials 3 and 6 (main file).

Hon. rpt., 6/10/49  
Re: HCLC; IS-C  
61-10149-1067X, p. 11, 13,  
26, 28, 40, 41, 42, 47  
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This reference sets out a letter dated 6/1/49 from [redacted] Attorneys at Law, CGO, to [redacted] Editor, American Commentator, Cedar City, Utah. With the letter [redacted] forwarded a check in settlement of an action by [redacted] against "The Chicago Star". [redacted] stated the "Chicago Star" went out of existence after the [redacted] case was filed and one of the Editors, Frank Marshall Davis, was currently in Hawaii.

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Salt Lake City memo, 6/22/49  
Re: Bulgarian Activities in  
the US, [redacted] was.;  
IS-R and Bulgarian  
100-146935-14  
(18)✓

On 6/11/49, Frank Marshall Davis attended a "Strikers' Benefit Picnic" at the residence of [redacted] at Kaneohe, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii. This picnic was to benefit longshoremen of the ILWU who were on strike in Hon. at that time.

[redacted] identified Davis as a CP member.

[redacted] A highly confidential source)

Hon. rpt., 1/25/50  
Re: [redacted]  
SM-C  
61-9105-9, p. 5, 6  
(52)✓  
SI 100-367623-2, p. 12  
(14)✓

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On 4/16/49, [ ] and Frank Marshall Davis attended the HCLC "Spring Frolic" held at Manner's Beach, Oahu.

On 6/11/49 [ ] and Frank Davis attended a "Striker's Benefit Picnic" held at the Kaneohe residence of [ ]

As of July 1949, Frank Marshall Davis had publicly admitted affiliation with the CRC.

(No source stated)

Additional information was SI as 100-363040-1.

Hon. rpt., 7/7/49

Re: [ ]

[ ] was; SM-C  
100-363084-1, p. 2, 7  
(14) ✓

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During the period April through June 1949, meetings were held on Sunday evenings by "Honolulu's CP element" at some unidentified location in Hon. Frank Marshall Davis and his wife Helen participated in these meetings.

The 5/12/49 edition of the "HR" announced that Frank Marshall Davis' column entitled, "Frank-ly Speaking", was to appear weekly on the "Records" editorial page. The item indicated Davis had written several books of poetry, was formerly editor of the "Chicago Star", executive editor of "The Associated Negro Press", a member of the National Executive Board of the CRC, and was "known as a fighter for civil liberties."

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On 5/29/49, Davis and other CP members canvassed the Kalakaua Housing Project in Hon. in a drive for subscriptions to the "HR". [redacted]

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[redacted] included Davis and his wife [redacted] on a list of individuals, whom he described as the regular volunteer workers, who were present on 6/30/49 at the "HR" plant, to cut, fold and address the "Record". [redacted] noted that the Davises were only present for a short time that evening.

Additional information SI to 100-328955 serials 6 p. 2 and 8 p. 4, (Main file)

Hon. rpt., 8/19/49  
Re: CP-USA, District 13;  
IS-C  
64-200-18-236, p. 4, 52, 53, 55  
(15)✓

On 7/13/49, Frank Marshall Davis and his wife [redacted] attended a farewell party for [redacted] held at the residence of Charles Fujimoto, CP chairman in Hawaii.

[redacted]  
Hon. rpt. 10/31/49  
Re: [redacted]  
[redacted] was.; SM-C  
100-363084-7  
(13)✓

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As of August 1949, [ ] had advised that [ ] habitually attended meetings of the National Association For The Advancement of Colored People and left them in the company of Frank Marshall Davis. Informant believed Davis had been sent to Hawaii specifically to further the CP line among colored and oriental peoples in the Territory of Hawaii.

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Davis was identified as a CP member by [ ] and active in the HCLC by [ ]

Hon. rpt., 8/16/49  
Re: [ ]  
was., [ ] Department  
of the Navy; LGE  
121-18732-14, p. 16  
(13)✓

On 8/17/49, former [ ] related that [ ] was a close friend of [ ] who had entertained the Frank Marshall Davises. (Date not stated)

On 12/1/48 [ ] Davis admitted to [ ] 235-S that he was on the "Washington Subversive List" due to his affiliation with the ALS, the AYD and the CRC. Davis said he taught art classes at the ALS, was an officer in the AYD, and was a functionary in the CRC.

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The 12/14/48 edition of the "Honolulu Advertiser" reported an interview with Davis shortly after Davis arrived in Hon. The article said Davis would write a series of articles on his observations of the Island scene for the ANP, of which he was Executive Editor.

Hon. rpt., 8/6/52  
Re: [ ]  
Export Declaration and License  
Examiner-Appointee, Treasury  
Department; LGE  
121-11066-25, p. 5, 6  
(16)✓

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On 3/10/49, [ ] advised that [ ] and Frank Marshall Davis were to attend a reception on "the following Saturday night", held by [ ]

On 3/25/49, [ ] and Frank Marshall Davis attended the morning session of the Territorial Senate, at which time the proposed Un-American Activities Committee in the Territory of Hawaii was to have been considered.  
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The 9/1/49 edition of the "Honolulu Record" contained an article ~~(under review)~~ which indicated the 1949 Labor Day festivities would be held in the Iolani Palace grounds and that Davis would be one of the speakers.

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On 9/5/49, following the Labor Day parade, Davis spoke to the rally on the Iolani Palace grounds. He stated he was an associate editor of the ANP and a columnist for the "Honolulu Record" newspaper. Davis lauded the unions for their non-discrimination policies and said he had been and would continue to be a strong advocate of the CIO.

On 2/26/49, [ ] and Frank Davis were among approximately 300 persons who attended a spaghetti dinner and dance, held at the AFL Hall in Hon. to raise funds for the "Honolulu Record". [ ]

Hon. rpt. 1/26/50  
Re: [ ] wa.;  
IS-C  
100-141765-42, p. 7, 21, 22, 23  
(52) ✓

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On 9/5/49, Frank Marshall Davis was one of the speakers in the Labor Day celebration of CIO unions in Hawaii, held on the Iolani Place Grounds.

("Honolulu Advertiser", not further described)

Davis was a CP member (no date stated).

[redacted] A highly confidential source of known reliability)

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Hon. rpt. 1/31/50

Re: [redacted]

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100-26164-36, p. 19

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On 9/5/49, W.K. Bassett, administrative assistant to Mayor John Wilson of Honolulu, spoke at a CIO Rally held on the Iolani Palace grounds following the Labor Day Parade of CIO Labor Unions in Hon. In his remarks he landed Frank Marshall Davis as his "very personal friend."

Additional information SI to 100-33049-18-3, page 26.

Hon. rpt., 12/30/49

Re: Cominfil United Public Workers of America-CIO; IS-C

100-344835-18-10, p. 19

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The 9/1/49 issue of the "Honolulu Record" stated (article not identified) Frank Marshall Davis would be one of the speakers at the (Hon.) CIO Council Labor Day Rally festivities to be held in the Iolani Palace grounds, Hon.

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[ ] attended the above affair on 9/5/49 and advised Davis had stated he was an associate editor of the ANP and a columnist for the "HR". Davis lauded the CIO unions for their non-discrimination policies and said he had been and would continue to be a strong advocate of the CIO.

Hon. rpt., 3/23/50  
Re: Cominfil CIO Industrial  
Union Councils; IS-C  
100-33049-18-3, p. 25, 26  
(15)✓

On 4/16/49, Frank Marshall Davis attended an HCLC picnic at Manners Beach, Oahu, T.H. Informant furnished a photograph of a group which included F.M. Davis.

On 9/17/49, Davis attended an HCLC picnic at Manners Beach and during the picnic he distributed copies of a news letter published by the New York CRC.

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Hon. rpt., 2/16/50  
Re: [ ] was.;  
SM-C  
100-367778-1, p. 10 and 13  
(13, 53)✓  
SI as par. 2 above  
61-10149-1255X, p. 14  
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As of October 1949, Mr. [ ] Frank Marshall Davis had attended meetings for preparation of the "HR" and subscription drives (dates not stated).

[ ] identified Frank Marshall Davis as a CP member. [ ] Not identified, no dates stated)

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On 4/4/49, Frank Marshall Davis attended an HCLC meeting at the Richards Street YWCA Hon. [ ]

Hon. investigative summary  
rpt. 11/4/49

Re: [ ]

aka., [ ]

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100-365953-1, p. 8, 9  
(13)✓

On 9/22/49, the CGO field division was furnished a group of postcards which advertised the appearance of [ ] on 9/22/49 at Curtis Hall, CGO. One of the cards was addressed to, "Mr. Frank Marshall Davis, Exec. Dir. Associated Negro Press, 3507 South Parkway, Chicago".

These cards were made available by [ ] [ ] who explained the cards had been obtained by a confidential source of his, from the offices of the Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship, and had been given the source to be mailed.

CGO memo, 10/4/49

Re: Chicago Council of American-  
Soviet Friendship; IS-C

100-146964-1483, p. 3  
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In a letter dated 9/26/49 addressed to [redacted]  
[redacted] National Association for the  
Advancement of Colored People, New York 18, N.Y., [redacted]  
[redacted] stated he had been at an NAACP election meeting  
(date not stated), at which Frank Marshall Davis "suddenly  
appeared on the scene to propagandize the membership about our  
'racial problems' in Hawaii. He had just sneaked in on a  
boat, and presto, was an 'expert' on racial problems in  
Hawaii. Comrade Davis was supported by others who recently  
'sneaked' into the organization with the avowed intent and  
purpose of converting it into a front for the Stalinist  
line."

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Hon. Prosecutive Summary  
rpt. 12/13/50  
Re: [redacted] SM-C  
and Perjury  
61-8962-11, p. 9  
(18)✓  
SI 61-7582-1691, encl. 2101  
(2)✓

As of 10/1/49, Frank Marshall Davis was on the  
Honolulu Key Figure List; his security index card, photograph  
and handwriting specimens had been submitted to the Bureau.

Hon. memo, 10/21/49  
Re: CP-USA, District #13,  
Hon. Division, Key Figure  
List; IS-C  
64-200-18-254  
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As of September 1950, Frank M. Davis, a staff writer, was among those responsible for the day to day preparation and publication of the "Honolulu Record".

On 10/24/49, [ ] advised that for "several weeks" previous to that date, Honolulu's "subversive elements" had been making strong bids for Negro support through the "HR" and through the personal efforts of [ ] and [ ]

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Hon. rpt.. 9/27/50

Re: [ ]

Jr., Wa.; IS-C

100-162293-5, p. 3, 9

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This reference contained the joint CP activities of Frank Marshall Davis and his wife [ ] during the period December 1948, when they arrived in Honolulu, to December 1949, as reported by confidential informants of known reliability and a public source.

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Hon. rpt., 12/14/49

Re: Mrs. Frank Marshall Davis;

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100-361254-3

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As of February 1950, a review of the "Honolulu Record" reflected that Frank Marshall Davis was a contributing writer to that newspaper.

During January and February 1950, Davis volunteered on 10 Thursdays to help other volunteers prepare for mailing the weekly edition of the "HR" [redacted]

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During the period from April through November 1949, Davis participated at least once in the "HR" subscription drives. [redacted] b7D

This reference set out excerpts from articles contributed by Davis which appeared in the "Honolulu Record" on the following dates:

1/13/49;  
3/17, and 31/49; and  
8/4/49.

Also set out in this reference were excerpts from Davis' column "Frankly Speaking" which appeared in the "HR" on the following dates:

6/23/49;  
7/14/49;  
9/11/49; and  
1/19/50.

Hon. rpt., 3/9/50  
Re: Honolulu Record Publishing  
Company, Ltd., aka.; IS-C  
100-358738-9, p. 14, 16, 23,  
31, 35, 38, 40, 41  
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On 2/15/50, [ ] advised that the preceding week had seen Frank Marshall Davis interest himself in the activities of the Hon. Order of Negro Elks, Waikiki Lodge 1304. On 2/14/50, Davis was principal speaker at a Negro History Week program sponsored by Lodge 1304, held in the Library of Hawaii. Davis spoke on the achievements of the Negro race and their cultural and historic background.

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Davis and the "HR" were highly lauded by the Negro Elks Master of Ceremonies John W. Howell, who had solicited the services of Davis. Also at Howell's request, Davis wrote an article on Negro History Week which appeared in the 2/14/50 edition of the "Honolulu Star Bulletin".  
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(Main file) Additional information SI as 100-328955-6, page 2

Hon. rpt. 7/17/50  
Re: [ ] was.;  
[ ] Appointee, Department  
of the Army; IGE  
121-23078-8, p. 6, 7 b6  
(18, 84)✓ b7C

The 3/2/50 edition of the "HR" carried a letter to the Editor on page 7 column 4, from Stephen Murin, in which Murin comments on the controversy between Frank Marshall Davis and John E. Reinecke.

The controversy arose from Davis' column in the 2/2/50 edition of the "HR", in which Davis pointed out the prominent part Negroes had played in American and World History. By a letter to the Editor published in the "HR" on 2/16/50, Reinecke stated some Negroes had exaggerated their role of their race in History and Davis' column had been written in that vein.

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In May 1945, Davis was a CPA member in CGO.  
[redacted] A source known to the SAC)

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On 2/6/50, the HCLC held a general membership meeting at the Terminal Building, pier 11, Hon. The membership voted approval of the Executive Committee's appointment of Davis as Chairman of the Legal Action Committee. Davis' job was to investigate civil liberties issues and to advise and guide the Executive Committee into action on those various issues.

Hon. rpt. 6/2/50

Re: [redacted] was.;

IS-C

100-92958-27, p. 5, 6, 14

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In the 3/30/50 edition of "The Honolulu Record", Frank Marshall Davis, Negro columnist, lamented the fact that the (Hawaii) Statehood Constitutional Convention delegates had to meet under the "shadow" of an HCUA probe.

Hon. rpt., 4/27/50

Re: HCUA Investigation of  
Communist Activities in  
Hawaii; Information Concerning  
62-90980-13, p. 36

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Correlator's Note: The first page of this reference reflects the notation: "Do Not Disseminate".

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As of 5/29/50, Frank Marshall Davis, Hauulu, Oahu, T.H., had received five air mail letters dated from 3/18/50 to 4/13/50, postmarked Erwin, Tennessee, but bearing no name or return address. [ ] Mail cover on Davis' home)

As of April 1950, Davis was writing a weekly column for the "HR". (Source not stated)

In May 1945, Davis was a member of the Carver Second Ward, West CPA Club in CGO.

[ ] A highly confidential source of known reliability)

Knoxville Summary rpt., 7/15/52

Re: [ ] was.;

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65-33599-73, p. 11

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SI 65-33599-63, p. 11

(18)✓

The name of Frank Marshall Davis, Hauula Post Office, Oahu, was included in a membership mailing list of the HCLC which was furnished by [ ] and former [ ] on 5/29/50.

Hon. memo, 1/5/51

Re: HCLC; IS-C

61-10149-1569X, p. 2

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On 6/3/50, Frank Marshall Davis was a principal speaker at the "Freedom Jamboree" held at 50 S. Queen Street, Hon. He lauded the HCLC, criticized police brutality currently rampant in Honolulu and likened it to the first stages of the spread of Facism. This affair was jointly sponsored by the HCLC and the ILWU Women's Auxiliary, Local 20. (Former [redacted])

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Davis was a CP member.

[redacted] Identity known to  
SAC Hon.)

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Hon. rpt., 2/19/51  
Re: Cominfil ILWU;  
IS-C  
100-52123-907, p. 82  
(13)✓  
SI as par. 1 above;  
100-375805-1  
(16)✓

On 6/16/50, Frank Marshall Davis told [redacted] that he became interested in the CP in 1931 while he was editor of the "Atlanta Daily World". He stated that because of his newspaper work in Hawaii he had intimate contact with leaders of the Hawaii CP. He urged [redacted] to join the CP.

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On 5/22/45, [redacted] identified Davis as a member of the Carver Second Ward West CPA Club of CGO.

[redacted] A source known to the  
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The "HR" reported CP mouthpiece in Hon., in the 2/2/50 issue, carried the column "Frank-ly Speaking" by Davis, which he devoted to "Negro History Week". The 2/16/50 issue carried a "letter to the Editor" from John Ernest Reinecke which criticized Davis' article of 2/2/50. The remaining February and the March 1950 issues carried a "public quarrel" between Davis and Reinecke, the substance of which is set out in this reference.

Hon. rpt., 7/5/50

Re: [redacted] was.;

IS-C

61-9654-98, p. 5

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SI 64-200-18-308, p. 6, 11, 12,

41, 42

(15) ✓

SI to par. 3 above;

65-33599-30, p. 4

(8, 15) ✓ (and to [redacted] serial 6 page 2)

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As of 6/30/50, the paper business of Frank Marshall Davis, "Oahu Papers", was apparently engaged in legitimate activities, however the source of its inventories of paper could not be determined by its competitors. It was the belief of other stationery suppliers that the material sold by Davis was brought into the Territory of Hawaii by merchant seaman in suitcases.

[redacted]  
[redacted] currently employed by the [redacted]

On 6/16/50, [redacted] reported he had heard Davis state that the CP in Hawaii was built around a group of white Chauvinists who did not fully understand the basic principles of the CP.

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[ ] stated Frank M. Davis had been elected (no date stated) Assistant Secretary of the third Democratic precinct club and delegate to the Convention (no dates stated).  
[ ]

The HCLC proposals for the articles of the Hawaii Constitution, were submitted to the ILWU Attorney, to Davis and to [ ] for approval and necessary change.  
[ ]

In the 3/30/50 edition of the "HR" Davis, in his column, "Frank-ly Speaking" lamented the fact that the (Hawaii) Statehood Convention had to meet under "the shadow of the coming HCUA probe".

In the 6/1/50 edition of the "HR", Davis urged a federal fair employment practices commission.

Additional information SI to 100-928955 serials 6 and 29 (MF).

Hon. rpt., 7/31/50  
Re: CP, USA, District 13;  
IS-C  
64-200-18-319, p. 1, 13, 14, 16,  
47, 48, 64, 80, 89, 91  
(15, 82)✓

In July 1950, [ ] advised that [ ] had professed admiration for Frank Marshall Davis.

[ ] G-2,  
Pentagon, Wash., D.C.,  
formerly [ ]

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Additional information SI as 100-328955-6, page 2 (MF).

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Hon. rpt., 7/31/50  
Re: [ ] was.,  
[ ] Appointee, Department  
of the Army; LGE  
121-23078-2  
(12, 84)✓  
SI 121-23078-6  
(12)✓